



Don't miss out!

OML MAY LUNCHEON

Honoring Distinguished Woman, ***Marie Bonilla***

Tuesday, May 21

11:15 Check-in and Socializing

12:00 Luncheon and Program

Orinda Country Club

315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda

Send \$32 check made out to AAUW OML to:

Karen Mankowski: 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette 94549

with your choice of entrée: Tri-salad; Seared Salmon; Butternut Squash Ravioli

Reservation deadline: May 14

Questions? Call Jan Coe, (925) 254-7915

Directions: Westbound on Hwy 24, exit at Orinda and bear right toward Orinda Village. At ramp bottom, bear right onto Camino Pablo. At the 2nd stoplight, turn right on Camino Sobrante, pass Safeway, cross over Orinda Way and bear right up the hill. Road will end at El Ribero near a pond. Turn left, pass tennis courts. Turn left at stop, into OCC parking lot. Use both upper and lower parking lots. A golf cart shuttle can give you a ride from your car to the clubhouse.



Marie Bonilla

*Women***4***Women*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is such a pleasure to belong to an organization that does so many good works for girls and women. Our April Program honoring our Tech Trek and Scholarship winners at the Serbian church social hall was standing room only! Thank you Sandy Fox-Sohner, Karen Mankowski, and your respective committees for all of your work. AAUW/OML became better known in the community because of your efforts. Let's hope those recipients will join AAUW after they graduate!

The May Luncheon Program is right around the corner. I hope most of you will be able to attend. We will be honoring our Distinguished Woman, Marie Bonilla. We will also install our new President, Karen Mankowski, and her new Board of Directors. The announcement of our Named Gift Honoree and the latest Fifty Year Honorary Life Member will also take place. Quite a busy agenda! I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 21,

Diane Bell-Rettger

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS
FOR ANN WELKER**

Ann's address and phone changed last September, 2012.
3355 Rossmoor Parkway #7
Walnut Creek CA 94595
New phone number:
(925) 482- 0318
Same e-mail: azwelker@comcast.net

MEMBERSHIP NEWS MAY 2013

Membership invoices for the coming year have been mailed. AAUW membership uses a fiscal calendar from July 1-June 30th each year. Your \$89 helps support many women's issues. At the national level dues help fund advocacy for economic justice, women's rights, scholarship and leadership training. State dues help in furthering financial literacy, international advocacy, public policy, and many special projects. Your participation as a member of AAUW-OML directly supports all this important work. Take a moment to visit the national and state websites. There are links on the OML webpage (aauwoml.org). AAUW-OML also supports local priorities and interest groups. AAUW-OML also offers friendships with talented and interesting women. Join the branch again for 2013-14.

Your invoice has a back and front. PLEASE fill out both sides. Even if your information is the same we need a new form each year. Use an address sticker if you want to save some time and then add the other information. Give us a clear and current email address. Leadership appreciates it when you pay your renewal as soon as possible. Paperwork must be submitted to National AAUW and reminders to renew take time and energy away from other priorities. We will collect dues and forms at the May luncheon or you can mail them. Thanks in advance for prompt attention to rejoining AAUW-OML for another year. We are also working toward an electronic payment option in 2014.

Give a Grad a Gift to a woman or man who is graduating from a college or university in 2013. You can give a recent grad a free, one-year AAUW (and AAUW California) membership at no cost to you or to them. Expose a grad to the power that comes from joining a national women-led organization at aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift.

NEW AAUW LOGOS AND FONTS COMING SOON

All AAUW logos and type fonts will have a new look, as the national organization wants to update its graphics and brands. The next Triad and the OML and national websites will have a more cohesive and modern style. Stay tuned!

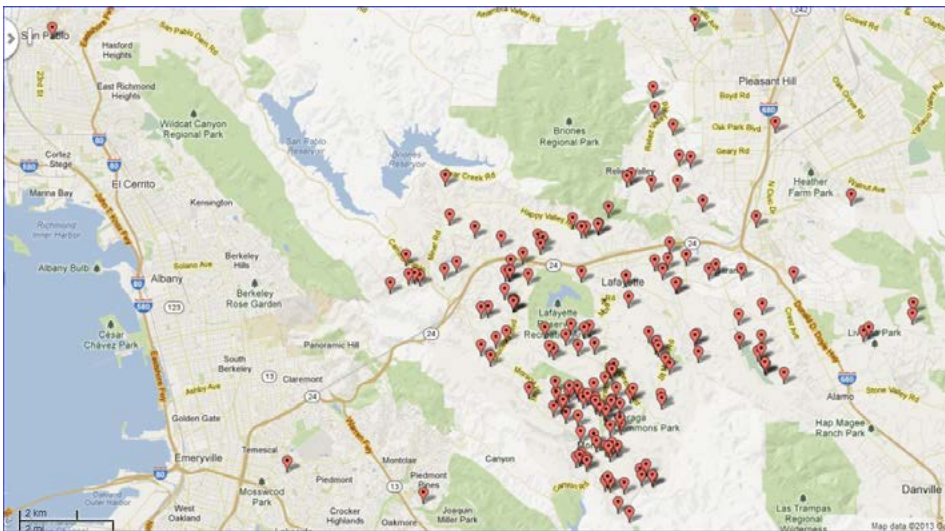
THE TRIAD Staff

Editor Marty Schimbor, 284-5909 e-mail: mgschimbor@comcast.net	Advertising Pat Lopker, 376-5155
Proof Reading Caroline Wood, 376-4907	Mailing Marty Schimbor, 284-5909

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2012-2013

President Diane Bell-Rettger	Vice-President, AAUW Funds-Education Susan Hahn
President-Elect Karen Mankowski	Vice-President, AAUW Funds-Legal Advocacy Open
Vice-President, Membership Bonnie Gallogly	Vice-President, Finance Judy Hammon
Vice-President, Program Mary-Leigh Miller, Nan Brewer	Recording Secretary Therese Tamaro

WHERE AAUW-OML MEMBERS LIVE



The Membership map for the OML branch shows markers for each member - all 161 of us. To save you needing to count them, here's the listing of our towns and the number of members in each. Alamo - 2, Concord - 1, Lafayette - 41, Moraga - 61, Oakland - 2, Orinda - 29, Walnut Creek - 23, Pleasant Hill - 1, and San Pablo - 1.

2013 AAUW CALIFORNIA LAF LUNCHEON

AAUW-OML members Deana Vick Davidson, Diane Bell-Rettger, Caroline Wood, Jo Harberson and Gloria Weston attended the annual Legal Advocacy Luncheon held in Burlingame March 16. The guest speaker was Jennifer Reisch, an attorney who is the Legal Director for Equal Rights Advocates in San Francisco. She also represents Betty Dukes and the women of Wal-Mart in the Dukes vs. Wal-Mart lawsuit which AAUW is supporting through its Legal Advocacy Fund. Ms. Reisch reported the lawsuit was continuing and they were filing a new motion in April in San Francisco.

Ms. Reisch explained that this motion was to certify a new class of plaintiffs in Dukes vs. Wal-Mart. The new proposed class includes women at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores who allege that

company managers discriminated against them because of their gender, denying them promotions offered to male employees. To learn more about this case, please go to the Equal Rights Advocates website www.equalrights.org



(Left to right) Sharon Westafer (AAUW funds), Alicia Hetman (CAAAUW President), and Jennifer Reisch, attorney representing Betty Dukes.

2012-13 AAUW OML SPONSORS/ ADVERTISERS

*AAUW members

OAKLAND

Barbara Llewellyn Catering and Event Planning

ORINDA

Joan Evans*, & Angie Evans Traxinger,
Village Associates Real Estate,
Gary's Handyman Service
Soraya Golesorkhi*, Realtor,
Coldwell Banker
Morrison's Jewelers
Orinda Theatre
Redwood Cottage (Sea Ranch Vacation Rental), Elaine Gallaher*

WALNUT CREEK

Maxine Christison Interior Design
Diablo Symphony (Contact Janet Mendenhall* for ticket info)

LAFAYETTE

Amarin Thai Cuisine
Asian Accents ~Original Jewelry Design by K deGroot,*
Creative Alterations, Josef Jamkochain
Diablo Foods
Glamorous Boutique
Open Sesame Specialty Foods
Persons Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Barbara Persons, MD
Ware Designs – Fine Jewelry

MORAGA

Amoroma Ristoranté
Goodwill Industries, East Bay
King Florist & Gifts
National Assoc. for Advancement of Female People – Diane Bell-Rettger*
Neighborhood Computers
New Delhi Indian Bistro
Royal Siam Thai Cuisine
Shop Moraga First
Terzetto Cuisine Café
The New Rheem Theatre
Total Clean
Via Vienté – Lana Reichick*

APRIL 21 SCHOLARSHIP MEETING CELEBRATES ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE.



Top Row: Scholarship winners and keynote speaker, from left: Kate Ruth Greer, Jenanne Margaret Vaccaro, Danielle Feinberg, Mina Arasteh, Natasha Blazer, Mariah McKenzie Miller, and Elise Peterson-Trujillo. Front Row: Tech Trek winners: Chun Che Free, Julia Moseyko, Audrey Moore, Natalie Davis, Ariella Zulch, and Molly Mudgett

WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE IN THE NEWS--A MESSAGE FROM VALARIE BURGESS S2S IN MORAGA SCHOOLS

Sister-to-Sister's new program will be launched in the fall at the request of the Moraga School District in partnership with the PTA. Girls will be invited to an after-school program to learn communication skills and ways to deal with conflict, to question cultural stereotypes and media messages, and to choose cooperation over competition. S2S high school facilitators will work to broaden the mentoring opportunities that S2S offers. The curriculum will be based on the Girls' Leadership Training attended by Laura and Valarie Burgess last fall in Boston. More help is needed to make this program viable and successful.

Valarie Burgess Sister-to-Sister (925) 376-2517

FEMINISM'S NEW WAVE

Sheryl Sandberg's book *Lean In* has been in the news. A former Google executive and current COO of Facebook, she has an important message for women in the

workplace. Her sage advice can help women recognize factors they can control and ways they can take steps to advocate more effectively for themselves. As I listen to the audiobook, I realize the importance of AAUW's Start Smart program.

S2S high school leaders have decided to read the book and organize a book group to discuss the empowering ideas in its pages. If you haven't listened to the TED talk (December 2010) which has received nearly 2.5 million views that helped to gel her ideas and bring these issues to the forefront, check it out at: http://www.ted.com/talks/sheryl_sandberg_why_we_have_too_few_women_leaders.html

A TEEN "RAPE CULTURE"

The suicide of a 15-year-old girl in Saratoga after an incident of being sexually violated while she was

Continued on page 5

IDEAS FOR INTERESTING AND CASUAL AAUW-OML SUMMER ACTIVITIES

AAUW and summertime activities... In mid-April, a few OML members got together to brainstorm activities that would be fun and not take a lot of preparation or organization (Beckner, Bell-Rettger, Chesler, Mankowski). Here's why. For many members, there is energy and interest in getting together to relax, to chat, to think, to discuss, to engage, even though we have no formal meetings between the May 21st luncheon and September.

Here are a few of the ones we came up with... How do you like them? If any one or more of these ideas sound swell to you and you'd like to participate, please email board@aauwoml.org with your name. You'll be contacted.

*Take the train to Sacramento for a visit to the Crocker Art Museum with lunch. We have a friend who is a docent. I love to ride the train.

*Continue "cocktails and conversation" – consider RSVP system.

*Publish activities by our existing interest groups in the summer. Golf, biking, movies

*We talked about BEING IN THE ORINDA PARADE ON JULY 4TH Themes that we could costume or placard include (a) the Suffragettes, (b) Female athletes endorsing Title 9, (c) "Elect her" – not only can we vote, we also can run for office and get elected, (d) carry a placard with some quotation by Abigail Adams "consider the ladies..."

*Start a bridge group for those who want to learn to play – a "kind, warm-hearted, supportive" group. Two, three, maybe four lessons. Propose this for July 20th at Hacienda. (Scoring for both Rubber and Duplicate Bridge will be presented.)

*Book meeting – what have you read in the past six months that we'd all be interested in knowing about

*How to start and run a successful book group.

*Movie night at the Rheem or Orinda theaters preceded by dinner locally

*Current events discussion group – along the lines of Great Decisions – some small reading beforehand and then a get together to discuss what we've learned or think

*We could play Bocce Ball – there are local courts. Have a picnic before or after. Perhaps a picnic with an Italian theme. Could be of interest to our International interest group?

*How about an afternoon with the Tech Trek robot assembly activity? We'll see if it's possible to borrow or (maybe) rent the kits and computers. The manual is complete and the results are fun.

*The local towns have some summer activities, e.g., the Moraga Bandstand. We could share membership brochures.

Continued from page 4

her high school via internet posts. The girl was shamed and publicly humiliated for an incident of which she had no memory. Even her girlfriends judged and abandoned her, accusing her of "ruining the lives of the boys" who are accused of assault. For deeper discussion of teen psychology and the dynamics of girls friendships, read Rachel Simmons timely article http://edition.cnn.com/2013/03/20/opinion/simmons-steubenville-girls/index.html?hpt=hp_t5.

While we believe we have made many advances for women and girls, it is important to be aware how little has changed in some arenas. An article in a recent CC Times by Sharon Noguchi describes the confu-

CC Times by Sharon Noguchi describes the confusion among teens generated by our sexualized culture. Read more at http://www.contracostatimes.com/breaking-news/ci_23067331/teen-sex-culture-line-blurred-between-sex-and?IADID=Search-www.contracostatimes.com-www.contracostatimes.com.

From Steubenville to Palo Alto and Piedmont High's "Slut League", the outrage of what is being called a "rape culture" in our schools is being brought into public awareness. We at AAUW are making a difference through programs like S2S where girls can come together to support each other and become familiar with the language needed to talk about difficult issues.



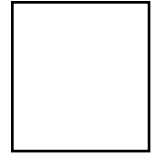
MAY AT A GLANCE

1 WED CRITICS' CHOICE BOOK GROUP

Please rotate your book

1 WED COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

5 - 7 pm Barbacoa Restaurant, Orinda Theatre Square



2 THU #2 BRIDGE GROUP

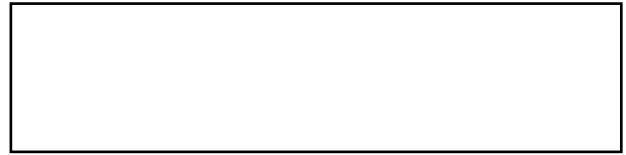
12 noon Virginia Semrau 283-8056

2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 30 TENNIS

8:15 am, Saint Mary's Courts

4 SAT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GROUP

6:00 pm Contact K. Soster-Olmer, 254-5439



7 TUES #1 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Joyce Dickey, 825-7991

13, MON GOLF

10:00 am Contact Jan Gee for t-time 938-1316

14 TUES BOARD MEETING

9:30 am Diane Bell-Rettger's home

14 TUES #3 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Patricia Bentley, 284-2936

15 WEDS MEMOIRS AND MUSINGS

Contact Carole Messinger, 283-8741

16 THURS #4 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Jessie Dolman 254-5019

17 FRI ANYONE WHO'S READ THE BOOK

10:00 am Orinda Book Store

17 FRI MOVIE GROUPS Group 1, Mary-Leigh Miller
631-9694; Group 2, Mary Stephens Smith, 376-5726; #3
Judy Hammon, 253-4972

21 TUES MAY LUNCHEON

See page 1 for information

22 WEDS WISE WOMEN

1:00 Contact Carol Foxall, 376-7388

24 JUNE-JULY TRIAD DEADLINE

Send items to mgschimbor@comcast.net

23 THURS DAYTIME MOVIE GROUP

28 TUES #5 BRIDGE GROUP

12 noon Coordinator: Joan Myers, 363-1962

THE ROAD MORE TRAVELED